FPA MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE PRESSURE

The EPA maximum allowable pressure for the project was calculated as per the US EPA Method 1 (underpressurized case) described in the US EPA 2013 guideline for the Geologic Sequestration of Carbon Dioxide [EPA 2013]. This guideline defines the pressure-front P_{i,f} as "the area around an injection well where, during injection, the [hydraulic] head of the formation fluid in the injection zone is equal to or greater than the [hydraulic] head of USDWs." Defined this way, the pressure-front may be calculated by the following equation:

$$Pi,f = Pu + \rho ig \times (zu - zi)$$

where Pu is the initial fluid pressure in the USDW, ρ i is the injection-zone fluid density, g is the acceleration due to gravity, z_u is the representative elevation of the USDW, and z_i is the representative elevation of the injection zone.

Similarly, the increase in pressure that may be sustained in the injection zone ($\Delta Pi,f$) is: $\Delta Pif = Pu + \rho ig \times (zu - zi) - Pi$

Based on the equation and other data above, the pressure front $P_{i,f}$ is estimated at 14.64 MPa and the threshold pressure change used for the AOR is calculated at 1.54 MPa.